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Postdoctoral researcher studying kinetics in heterogeneous catalysis. Background in chemical engineering, specifically stochastic methods for solving population balance equations, with a dual masters in mathematics and scientific computing.

Experience

Work experience.....

- **Chalmers University of Technology** **Sweden**
Postdoc in Chemical Physics 2020–
Develop multiscale models for studying chemical and flow kinetics in heterogeneous catalysis in nanoreactors.
- **University of Cambridge** **United Kingdom**
Ph.D. Student in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology 2015–2019
Developed Monte Carlo methods (in-house C++ code) to solve population balance equations for aerosol synthesis. Proposed reactor model for titanium dioxide synthesis and new method to improve performance of the stochastic solver.
- **Helmholtz Zentrum Dresden Rossendorf** **Germany**
Intern in Experimental Thermal Fluid Dynamics 2014
Developed 1D, dynamic, multicomponent model for a slurry bubble column reactor for Fischer-Tropsch synthesis.
- **Mintek** **South Africa**
Graduate Engineer in Measurement and Control 2013
Researched viability of thickener control. Documented models developed for the control framework (in-house C++ code). Contributed to on-site testing and data analysis for a flotation reagent controller.
- **Mintek** **South Africa**
Engineering Intern in Measurement and Control 2011–2012
Developed a temperature-dependent amperometry model for inclusion in a commercial cyanide measurement device.

Teaching experience.....

- **University of Cambridge** **United Kingdom**
Supervisor for Partial Differential Equations Course 2019
Small-group teaching and tutorials for students in the Part IIA year of the Chemical Engineering Tripos.

Academic qualifications

- **Churchill College, University of Cambridge** **United Kingdom**
Ph.D. Chemical Engineering 2015–
Modelling of combustion synthesis using stochastic methods for better understanding of the titanium dioxide process. Some research work conducted at the Cambridge CARES facilities at the National University of Singapore.
Supervisor: Prof. Markus Kraft.
- **Technical University of Berlin (TUB)** **Germany**
M.Sc. Scientific Computing, 1.2, "Sehr Gut" 2014–2015
Coursework in control theory, differential algebraic equations, optimal control of partial differential equations, and model order reduction. Thesis on convergence of stochastic coagulating particle systems with Weierstrass Institute of Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS).
Supervisors: Dr. Robert Patterson (WIAS) and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang König (TUB, WIAS).
- **Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)** **Sweden**
M.Sc. Mathematics, A, "Excellent" 2013–2014

Coursework covered stochastic differential equations, parallel and high-performance computing, fast numerical algorithms, mathematical modelling, finite element and finite volume methods, and non-linear optimisation.

University of Cape Town (UCT)

South Africa

2009–2012

- *B.Sc. Eng. Hons. (Chemical Engineering), First Class*

Coursework included mathematics, physics, chemistry, thermodynamics, numerical methods, process design, modelling, and control, and post-graduate level coursework in optimisation. Honours project modelling Fischer Tropsch synthesis. Supervisor: Prof. Klaus Moller.

Technical skills

- **Programming languages:** MATLAB, PYTHON, C++. Basic proficiency in MPI/OpenMP and parallel programming.
- **Simulation software:** ASPEN HYSYS, COMSOL MULTIPHYSICS, WALBERLA (Lattice-Boltzmann solver).
- **General:** Linux, Microsoft Windows, L^AT_EX, Git.

Achievements

- **Cambridge University Ph.D. Studentships** 2015–2019
Cambridge Centre for Advanced Research & Education in Singapore; Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology Department
- **COSSE Double Masters Programme** 2013–2015
Erasmus Mundus Scholarship
- **Mintek** 2011–2012
Undergraduate Bursary
- **University of Cape Town, Faculty of Engineering** 2009–2012
Entrance Scholarship (2009), Dean's Merit List (2010–2012)
- **Kwa-Zulu Natal Youth Dance Company** 2006–2008
Provincial ballet dancer

Extracurricular activities

- **Cambridge University Ballet Club** (2015–2016, 2018–2019). Performed in Don Quixote, 2019.
- **Churchill College Boat Club** (2015–2016, 2018–2019). Rowed in women's second boat, 2015–2016. Sub for women's first and second boats, 2018–2019.

Publications

- **Boje, A.**, Akroyd, J., Sutcliffe, S., Kraft, M., 2020. Study of industrial titania synthesis using a hybrid particle-number and detailed particle model. *Chemical Engineering Science* 219, 115615. doi: 10.1016/j.ces.2020.115615.
- **Boje, A.**, Akroyd, J., Kraft, M., 2019. A hybrid particle-number and particle model for efficient solution of population balance equations. *Journal of Computational Physics* 389, 189–218. doi: 10.1016/j.jcp.2019.03.033.
- **Boje, A.**, Akroyd, J., Sutcliffe, S., Edwards, J., Kraft, M., 2017. Detailed population balance modelling of TiO₂ synthesis in an industrial reactor. *Chemical Engineering Science* 164, 219–231. doi: 10.1016/j.ces.2017.02.019.

Conferences

- **Boje, A.**, Akroyd, J., Kraft, M., 2019. Detailed population balance modelling using a hybrid particle model. Talk presented at *American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Annual Meeting*.
- **Boje, A.**, Akroyd, J., Kraft, M., 2019. Using a hybrid particle-number and particle model to study inorganic combustion synthesis. Talk presented at *Combustion Aerosol Conference*.
- **Boje, A.**, Akroyd, J., Kraft, M., 2018. Numerical study of the evolution of particle size and morphology in an industrial titanium dioxide reactor. Talk presented at *American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Annual Meeting*.
- **Boje, A.**, Kraft, M., 2017. Computational study of temperature effects in TiO₂ synthesis in an industrial reactor. Poster presented at *Cambridge Particle Meeting*.